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Prière de rappeler la référence:

Dear Josh,

I am disappointed that I shall not be here for the two weeks you will be in Geneva, but David Rowe, Ed de Maar and Richard Wilson will be and will look forward to discussions with you. In fact, the first week in December David Rowe will be in London for the pre-task force meeting on the immunology of filariasis but Ed de Maar and Richard Wilson will be here to tell you about the first task force meeting on the chemotherapy of malaria which will have taken place on 24-28 November.

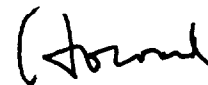
I would like you to discuss with Ed and David your correspondence with Noel Vietmeyer. As you know, I am all for any activity of the National Academy of Sciences which would help reach the goal of creating a broader awareness of scientific challenges in world health. My concern is that a publication based on "bite-sized" problems which would be submitted by individuals might not do what is wanted. I am more and more impressed with the kind of summary of the state of the art which emerged from the first task force meetings, along with specific suggestions of research needed; but perhaps both approaches are useful and would complement each other.

I will be in Washington on Thursday and Friday 4-5 December, and could contact Noel Vietmeyer to discuss this further with him. Obviously a joint effort between WHO and NIH would be welcome (I had hoped that this might be one follow up of the pre-ACMR meeting on molecular biology and parasitic diseases). I had the impression from our meeting of donor agencies on 6-7 October that the AID attitude was rather sceptical about supporting a multilateral approach, but was enthusiastic about supporting tropical disease research activities on a bilateral basis, so that support for NAS (as has been done for a meeting on immunization in malaria) might very well be acceptable. In any case, the meeting of donor agencies did supply funding for an interim period of one year to get final task force research plans and budgets, as well as the inventory of network resources in Africa and certain pilot activities. There will be a more formal meeting of as many as possible donor agencies in November 1976 to get what we hope will be the final long-term commitment for the full-scale Special Programme. I am pleased that you will be working even more closely with WHO. Again, I am sorry that I shall not be able to be here to see you.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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